

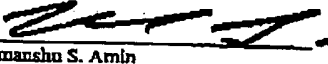
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REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2004

Dear Sir:

A 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration is being filed concurrently herewith. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments below.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge a two-month extension of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No.50-1063 [MSFTP166US].

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